

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2011

At 6:00 p.m., Chairman Porter convened the meeting with Vice Chairman McColl, Clerk Marsden and Town Administrator Le Beau present.

Mr. Porter announced that there was a need to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Union Contract negotiations. A roll call vote was taken

	Aye	Nay	Absent
Mr. Porter	X		
Mr. McColl	X		
Mr. Marsden	X		

Mr. Porter said that public discussions could have a detrimental affect on the Town’s bargaining position. He said the Executive Session would last about fifteen minutes. At 6:17 p.m., the Board emerged from Executive Session.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED, MR. MCCOLL SECONDED AND IT WAS VOTED TWO IN FAVOR, WITH MR. PORTER ABSTAINING TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FINANCIAL WARRANTS:

11-46	General Warrant	\$351,721.84
	Debt Service Town	469,512.50
	Student Activity	2,199.50
	Community Preservation	14,443.70
	Payroll	<u>1,019,785.74</u>
	Total	\$1,857,663.23
	Accrued Deduction Liabilities Not Paid	\$204,365.58
	Wire to Health Insurance Trust	167,786.23

Public Comment

There were no comments from the Board or the audience.

Board Business

Executive Session Minutes - **MR. MCCOLL MOVED, MR. MARSDEN SECONDED AND IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE BUT NOT RELEASE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2011.**

Proclamation –Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Day – the Board approved and signed the proclamation for Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Day.

Event Permits – Tri State Trek and Ashland Lions Club - MR. MCCOLL MOVED, MR. MARSDEN SECONDED AND IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE EVENT REQUEST FROM TRI STATE TREK.

MR. MCCOLL MOVED, MR. MARSDEN SECONDED AND IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO INVOKE THE RULE OF NECESSITY.

MR. MCCOLL MOVED, MR. MARSDEN SECONDED AND IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE EVENT PERMIT FOR THE ASHLAND LIONS CLUB.

Constable Re-appointment - MR. MCCOLL MOVED, MR. MARSDEN SECONDED AND IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO RE-APPOINT BARRY SIMS AS A CONSTABLE FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.

Article 31 and Motions - the Board was joined by Labor Counsel, Town Counsel and the Treasurer/Collector. Mr. Mayer, Town Counsel, said that he believed that the petitioner had placed this article on the Warrant as a placeholder. He said that the petitioner would be presenting his motion on the floor and that Mr. Mayer would respond at that time. There was a conversation about collective bargaining with respect to benefits. Mr. Carey, Labor Counsel, said that teachers bargain with the School Committee and the Police Association bargains with the Town. It is the duty and obligation of the Unions to speak for their retirees as well. Non-union and retirees, as far as the Town's contribution rate goes, is an Executive function of the Selectmen. Town Meeting has a funding role after the rate has been set. If the obligation is not funded, it would have to go back to the unions for further negotiation. There was further conversation about the vote of 2001.

AT 6:45 p.m., MR. MCCOLL MOVED, MR. MARSDEN SECONDED AND IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ATTEND TOWN MEETING.

AT 11:06 P.M., MR. MCCOLL MOVED, MR. MARSDEN SECONDED AND IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Andrea Minihan
Recording Secretary